

# LONDON STREET WAS THE SCENE OF GREAT FIGHT

Between 1500 Police on One Side and Five Anarchists Who Had Been Driven to Shelter in Garret of Sydney Street House.

## BATTLE CONCLUDED WHEN HOUSE BURNED

All Five of the Imprisoned Men Were Slain, While Many of the Besiegers Were Laid Low—Crowd Struggled to See.

London, Jan. 3.—The greatest fight in London's history between the police and a gang of armed anarchists occurred on Sydney street, today. The fight started with "Peter, the pointer," and "Fritz," the anarchists, who were sought in connection with the recent bomb-ditch battle with anarchist burglars; but five others joined them from an adjoining anarchists' club. All were killed and many police and bystanders were injured.

Before the fight ended, 1500 police, three companies of Scotch guards, with machine guns and field artillery, firemen, headed by home secretary Winston Churchill, and a company of mounted infantry participated. The fight lasted six hours and numberless shots were fired and was ended only when the anarchists' fortress caught fire from the machine guns and they burned to death. Besides the death of the anarchists, and the wounded mentioned, Sergeant Charles Schotch and two firemen were shot dead as they entered the house and others were wounded. The anarchists seemed to bear charmed lives, and their fight against such great odds is unexplainable. The besiegers captured the houses opposite and poured volleys into the fortress. When Winston Churchill arrived, he took up a dangerous position.

The plan of smoking them out proved ineffectual. The firemen poured a stream of water on, but that, too, was ineffectual. They then planned dynamiting the building, but that was too dangerous. Finally the machine guns were fired and the building collapsed. It was reported that the anarchists escaped, but several bodies were found, indicating that they committed suicide before the fire.

The fight started when three hundred unarmed police were out searching for "Peter, the pointer" and "Fritz." Suddenly the pair opened fire on the police, and the latter, taken back by the suddenness of the onslaught, retreated temporarily. Later armed reinforcements came, and the battle ensued. Several persons fell during the first volleys, and many others were wounded in the rain of bullets. Among the number were two spectators of the half a million people who were attracted to the scene and who struggled to get a chance to see the great drama being enacted there. The anarchists could not be dislodged, and they then took refuge in the garret of the house, whereupon the Scotch Guards opened fire with rifles, while the police swarmed the roofs in an effort to get a shot at the imprisoned men. It was not till the house caught fire that the battle ended.

## PHILIPS SEEKS NEW TRIAL

Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 3.—Exceptions paved by counsel for the defense in the recent trial of Silas N. Phelps of Monroe, who was found guilty of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Haskins on June 12 last, were filed yesterday at the office of the clerk of the superior court.

They covered 60 typewritten pages and contained many intricate points of law. The exceptions will be argued before Justice Schofield some time during this month, W. A. Davenport appearing for Phelps and District Attorney Irwin for the government.

Mrs. Lois C. Moulton of St. Johnsbury has taught school for 140 terms and is still teaching with success. She was born in 1840 and began teaching when only 15. The territory she has taught in embraces many towns in northern Vermont and New Hampshire.

The quarterly report for the Vermont Soldiers' home at Bennington shows that the present membership of the institution is 108, with 26 in the hospital. During the past three months four inmates have died.

Rev. Rufus C. Flagg of Burlington, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church at Newport, has accepted the invitation of the Congregational church at Winoski to supply for the present.

Benjamin H. Burt of Rutland celebrated his 80th birthday Thursday. He is descended of Revolutionary ancestry, his great grandfather having served under Gen. Ethan Allen in 1784.

## STEAMER IN TROUBLE

Was Discovered On Pasque Island Late Yesterday.

Woods Hole, Mass., Jan. 3.—Lying broadside to on the Vineyard sound side of Pasque island, one of the Elizabeth group, in fog so dense that life savers dared not attempt to reach her until daylight, an unknown steamer was discovered late yesterday.

Her presence was first made known when she blew distress signals, which she continued at frequent intervals. The sound attracted the few winter inhabitants of the little island, and they could barely make out the form of the vessel through the fog as she lay off shore on what is known as the "graveyard." They were not able to lend any assistance as they had no way of reaching the steamer and no apparatus for taking off the crew.

Word of the grounding of the ship was telephoned to the mainland over the single wire which connects the island with civilization, and from here the revenue cutter Albatross and the Cuttyhunk life savers were notified.

Although the residents on Pasque island could not make out the identity of the steamer, it was thought that she was one of the fleet of coal carriers which usually go by way of Vineyard sound.

## GIRL'S FAMILY UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Deaths of Couple on Eve of Wedding Day Now Believed to Be Double Murder—No Poison in Gum.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 3.—It is certain that a double murder was committed in the death of Charles Twigg and Grace Elloser, and the authorities are exercising surveillance over the dead girl's family. Four persons are under suspicion. Efforts to discover where the cyanide was purchased have proved futile and an analysis of the chewing gum proved that there was no poison in it.

## EXPLOSION DEMOLISHES CAR

Three Hurt When Gas Tank in Express Coach Blows Up at Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 3.—After hunting with a lighted match for the keyhole to turn on the acetylene gas in an express car, an employee of the Adams Express company was hurled the length of the car with two fellow employees by an explosion that blew out the end and roof of the car at the Union station last night.

The car was attached to the Providence train due to leave at 8:15 over the New Haven tracks. It is turned over by means of a key through a hole in the wooden casing.

The explosion smashed the windows in an empty Pullman on the next track. Besides Rousseau, Homer Spencer and Robert Holland were hurt.

## TELEPHONE WIRE KILLS BOY

Deadly Current Transmitted from an Electric Light Plant.

Portland, Me., Jan. 3.—Reaching up and taking hold of a broken telephone wire, which dangled close to the ground, near where he was engaged in picking coal from an ash heap yesterday afternoon, 13-year-old Thomas F. Healey fell dead.

The broken wire had been crossed by an electric light wire, heavily charged with electricity. The boy's hand was burned almost to a crisp. He was the only son of Mrs. Mary McCarthy.

## MAINE HAS DEFICIT

Unpaid Warrants Are \$384,644, According to Treasurer's Statement.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 3.—State Treasurer Pascal P. Gilmore announced last night that the amount of the state's unpaid warrants was \$384,644, that there were temporary loans outstanding of \$300,000 and that there was a cash balance in the treasury of \$135,732, making a deficit of \$548,922.

## LOSS OF \$110,000

In Fire at Oklahoma City Last Night. There Was Ice in Hydrants.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 3.—Fire last night caused \$110,000 damage in the wholesale quarter. When the flames were discovered in a saddlery house, the blaze had only a slight start, but ice in the hydrants had to be melted before water was obtainable.

## HELD UP BY FOG

Search for Steamer Believed to Be Anchored till Fog Lifts.

New York, Jan. 3.—Tugs are searching for the New England navigation steamer "Priscilla," which is believed to be anchored about Hell Gate hazardous until the fog lifts.

## RIFLES SEIZED

Reported Included for Dissatisfied Portuguese Republicans.

London, Jan. 3.—It is reported that a large consignment of rifles has been seized at Monaco, which it is believed were intended for the dissatisfied Portuguese republicans.

## COMPANY WILL REBUILD

Blair Veneer Co., Recently Burned Out at North Troy, So Decides.

North Troy, Jan. 3.—It is decided that the Blair Veneer company's factory, which was recently burned, will be rebuilt with a larger plant and will employ 80 hands.

## LEFT ONE DEAD, TWO WOUNDED

Train Robbers Added Murder to Their Crime To-day

## HELD UP EXPRESS TRAIN

They Shot Pullman Car Porter to Death and Wounded Two Passengers

When There Was a Show of Resistance to Them.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—The Overland Limited express on the Southern Pacific railroad was held up by two masked bandits at Reese Station this morning, and in the shooting which followed one man was killed and two others were wounded. The dead man was the porter on a Pullman car, while the wounded were passengers who had resisted. The men entered the passenger cars and at the point of revolvers ordered the passengers to turn over their money and valuables. When there was some show of objection the men opened fire, three men falling before the fire, and all the others on the train being thrown into a state of panic.

Then, having thoroughly cowed the passengers, the robbers proceeded to pillage them, collecting a considerable quantity of loot. They did not attempt to rob the express car, and after finishing their examination of the passengers, the two men escaped from the train. A posse of men was shortly sent in pursuit of them.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS REPRIEVE

Staying Death Sentence of Elroy Kent for Another Year.

Gov. John A. Mead has signed a reprieve staying the execution until January 5, 1917, of Elroy Kent, who was sentenced in Rutland county court to be hanged on January 12, 1917, for the murder of Miss Della B. Congdon of East Wallingford. The signing of this reprieve is merely a formality in carrying out the law, and it is the act of the legislature and not the governor which gives Kent a year more to live. The statutes provide that no person shall be executed previous to the first day of January after the close of a session of the general assembly following the pronouncing of his sentence and so in extending their session into January the present legislature gave Kent "an automatic reprieve."

## OFFICIALS AT LOGGERS HEADS

Mayor Burke and City Attorney Vilas of Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 3.—Mayor James E. Burke will tonight speak to the board of aldermen a veto of the resolution authorizing the sale of the remaining bonds which were provided for the erection of the municipal lighting plant. These bonds, which amount to \$53,000, have remained unsold pending the completion of the plant, and the proceeds from their sale is now needed to take up outstanding loans. City Attorney Vilas prepared the resolution authorizing the sale of the bonds but the mayor says the resolution should be so constructed as to make the bonds negotiable and that another resolution will have to be drawn up.

## DIED FROM HURTS

Earl Shepard, Struck by Falling Derrick at North Troy.

North Troy, Jan. 3.—Earl Shepard, who was injured last Saturday by a falling derrick while at work at the ruins of the Blair veneer factory, died yesterday. He was 25 years of age and is survived by his wife and parents.

## BASEBALL OFFICERS ELECTED

August Hermann President of National Commission, John Bruce Secretary.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—August Hermann was re-elected president and John Bruce secretary of the national baseball commission at Aurora institute this morning.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

L. B. Dodge was in Northfield today on business.

J. B. Kelly returned to-day from a visit with relatives in Burlington.

The Misses Jane and Mary Beaulieu have returned to their homes in Burlington after spending New Year's at the home of their brother.

Miss Margaret Collins returned this afternoon from a visit at her home in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ruel and daughter and Hinesburg are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lander of Pearl street.

Mrs. E. F. Lura, who has been spending several days with her husband at the hotel Otis, returned yesterday to her home in Burlington.

The New Year's ball held in Woodmen's hall last night was a good time. At intervals songs were sung by Mrs. J. Will, Mrs. A. Miller and T. MacDonald, and all had to respond to encores. Dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning, music being furnished by Nicol's orchestra.

The nuptials appointed for the coming year at the annual meeting of the Congregational church yesterday are as follows: Head usher, Elton Barrett; regular ushers, Arthur Knight, George Gates, Arthur McNeil, James Robertson, Walter Boutwell, Ira Houston and George Adie.

## Married at Plainfield

Robert A. Maxwell of Fayston and Mrs. Mary A. Clark of Waitsfield were married in Plainfield on December 31, by Rev. George F. Morton, pastor of the Universalist church in North and East Montpelier, assisted by Rev. L. F. Forney, at whose residence the ceremony occurred.

## A LARGE FUNERAL

For Carmi L. Marsh of Enosburg Falls Yesterday.

Enosburg Falls, Jan. 3.—The funeral of Carmi L. Marsh was held at opera hall yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. T. Eusey of St. Matthew's church officiating, assisted by the Revs. W. F. Weeks of Shelburne, E. S. Stone of Swanton and W. J. M. Beattie of Barre, former pastors. Prayers were said at the house at 11:00 a. m. and the body escorted to the hall by a detachment from Pixley post, G. A. R., whose members acted as a guard of honor while the body lay in state. The hall was draped in the national colors, and the stars and stripes also covered the casket.

A profusion of flowers and set pieces from corporations, organizations and individuals surrounded the casket. A double quartette consisting of J. O. Kimball, J. A. Bowles, F. W. Wallace, W. W. Hutchinson, W. H. Yaw, Roy Abell, J. H. Meers and C. H. Abell sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and the chants connected with the burial service of the Episcopal church.

The body bearers were four nephews, R. M. Towle, P. C. Hammond, B. C. Kendall and C. L. Towle, and the honorary bearers, all members of General Marsh's old regiment, the 13th Vermont, were Col. Albert Clarke of Boston, Col. Henry O. Clarke of East Orange, N. J., Col. H. W. Allen of Burlington, Judge John H. Lyon of Colchester, Capt. George G. Blake of Swanton and Eli N. Peck of Burlington. The vestrymen of St. Matthew's, of which General Marsh was the senior warden, acted as an escort. They were L. C. Kendall, Dr. A. R. Bell, C. H. Stanton and H. A. Cranston.

The Vermont commandery of the Loyal Legion was represented by Gen. T. S. Peck of Burlington, Col. L. C. Leavens of Richmond and Capt. Frank Kenfield of Morrisville and the New York commandery by Companion Orvis F. Hibbard of New York City. About 40 Grand Army men attended and opera hall was taxed to its fullest capacity, many friends and neighbors being unable to gain admittance.

## A CHECK FOR \$67,966.23

Received by University of Vermont from Rockefeller Foundation.

Burlington, Jan. 3.—C. P. Smith, treasurer of the university of Vermont, received yesterday a check for \$67,966.23 from the Rockefeller foundation, which is the first pro rata installment on a gift of \$100,000 due the university from the foundation. The half million dollar endowment fund is now assured and with it the future of the university of Vermont.

Some time prior to the last commencement of the university, in June, 1910, the status of the endowment fund was shaky. There was still nearly \$100,000 to raise on the \$450,000 which was necessary to insure the gift of \$100,000 from the Rockefeller foundation, and it was necessary to get the amount pledged before commencement in order to secure two other gifts amounting to \$30,000, one from the estate of John H. Converse of Philadelphia and the other from F. N. Foss of Massachusetts.

Through the efforts of the late President M. H. Buckham and others the full \$450,000 was raised and the Rockefeller gift was practically secured. But there was still another condition. It was necessary that the treasurer of the college make a statement that the institution was free from outstanding indebtedness. Ever since last June Mr. Smith has been hustling and some six weeks ago he was able to write to the Rockefeller people that the debt of \$113,000 on the new medical college building had been taken care of, and that the university of Vermont would be glad to realize on a check for \$100,000. Yesterday he received a check for an amount pro rata on the amount of subscriptions already paid in, which amount to over \$27,000.

There are still two years in which to collect the balance of the subscriptions. The sum of \$50,000 comes from Andrew Carnegie, and it is expected that this will be received within a short time.

## FORMER BARRE GIRL

Mrs. Hazel (Daley) Keller Died Recently in Portland, Ore.

News is received here of the death of Mrs. Hazel (Daley) Keller, which occurred in Portland, Ore., shortly before Christmas. Mrs. Keller will be remembered here as Miss Hazel Daley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daley, former residents of Barre. Mr. Daley was employed in this city as a machinist, but left with his family for Boston when the deceased was two years old. Her musical education went on for a few years later when the family again removed to San Francisco, Cal. Business interests again caused Mr. Daley to locate in Portland, Ore. Mrs. Keller had already gained a considerable reputation as a musician and continued her studies in her new home.

Her marriage to Mr. Keller, who is employed in a bank in Portland, took place May 12, 1910. Mrs. Keller was born in Barre May 13, 1892. Her early education was obtained in the public schools of this city, while her talent for music was developed with private teachers here. Local people will remember her as a girl of loving disposition and of great promise. Her untimely death will even now be seriously felt here, and the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of her childhood friends will go out to her afflicted parents. The following clipping from a Portland paper, accompanied by an excellent likeness of the deceased, tells of the place she held in the western city.

"Mrs. Hazel (Daley) Keller, who died during the last week, after a short illness from pneumonia, was one of the most talented young musicians of Portland. She was a little more than 18 years of age and was a pianist and pipe-organist of exceptional ability. Only a few months ago she appeared in a piano recital, in which she was presented by Frederick W. Goodrich. She played the entire program, including a Beethoven concert, from memory. Until a few months ago Mrs. Keller was the organist for St. Francis Catholic church. She was of a vivacious nature and her death comes as a severe loss to her many friends."

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Beaulieu and two daughters left yesterday for their home in Montpelier, after spending a few days at the home of Charles E. Beaulieu of Second street.

## DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED

At Annual Meeting of Granite Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

## GREAT GROWTH REPORTED

The Old Board of Directors Was Elected and the Old Officers Were Then Elected by the Directors.

The fifth annual meeting of the members of the Granite Mutual Insurance company for the election of directors was held at the offices of the company in the Wood block, this forenoon at 10 o'clock. The old board of directors was re-elected, as follows: Alpheus P. Abbott, Baptista Albisetti, Thos. H. Cave, Jr., Harlie F. Cutler, Oramel J. Dodge, Ernest A. Drown, Frank G. Howland, Alexander Gordon, James Mackay, Albert A. Sargent, H. William Scott, Wm. H. Sprague of Chelsea, Harrison G. Woodruff, Frank C. Bancroft, Chas. N. Barber, Edwin Davis of White River Junction, John Yaw, George Kent, Rufus G. Robinson, Alexander J. Young.

Following the meeting of the members, the directors met and re-elected the old board of officers, as follows: Frank G. Howland, president; Harrison G. Woodruff, vice president; Chas. N. Barber, vice president; Rufus G. Robinson, secretary and treasurer; Thos. H. Cave, Jr., auditor.

While the financial year of the company closes in August, a statement was made of the growth of business for the calendar year just ended. This shows a net gain in insurance written of \$1,065,008, and a gain in capital for the calendar year of \$127,511, making the total capital of the company \$449,085. The company has total insurance in force of \$3,569,789. The total number of losses in 1916 was 68, and every one has been adjusted.

## GOOD REPORT MADE

At Annual Meeting of Granite Savings Bank Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Granite Savings Bank & Trust company was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the banking rooms in the Granite block. The annual statement submitted to the stockholders shows the bank to be in excellent condition, with deposits of \$1,428,844.27, an increase of almost \$100,000 in the past twelve months. The bank statement also shows cash on hand of \$108,257.29, loans of \$1,014,626.34, and a surplus of \$12,923.04.

## ENCOURAGING YEAR FOR FOUR CHURCHES

Reported at Annual Meetings, Which Were Held in Barre Yesterday Afternoon—New Officers for the Year.

Four churches of the city held their annual meetings or roll-calls yesterday, the first week-day following the opening of the new year, and encouraging reports were presented for the year 1916, while the outlook for the ensuing year was considered very flattering.

The parish meeting of the First Baptist church was held at the church in the afternoon and evening, with a large number of the members present. With every financial department of the church showing a balance in its treasury and the general work of the church showing an equally prosperous condition, the society has every reason to be pleased with its year's work and the fact that it can start the new year with the brightest prospects in its history.

Grateful conditions were brought out during the afternoon meeting, when the reports from the different departments were read, and one after the other reported no deficits and all had balances in the treasury. The chairman of the finance committee of the church also reported that there were no bills outstanding against the church and that there was money in the treasury.

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Braisted, presided at the meeting, which was opened at 2:30 o'clock. The 13th annual roll-call was taken, and there was a large number of responses. Reports were also heard from the Italian mission church by Rev. G. B. Castellini and the Swedish mission church by Rev. Mr. Kohler, both of whom stated that their work was progressing most satisfactorily, and excellent results were being accomplished.

The annual election of officers of the church resulted as follows: Clerk, Mrs. F. G. Rogers; assistant clerk, Pearl Kent; treasurer, C. W. Perry; collector, James Gearson; finance committee, William McDonald, Alden Gearson, Lewis Jones, Walter Gearson, Albert Jones and C. R. Lyman. The following officers of the Sunday school were elected: Superintendent, F. A. Cragg; secretary, D. H. Cutler; librarian, Miss Bertha Nason; primary department superintendent, Mrs. F. A. Cragg.

At 6 o'clock an adjournment was taken for supper, which was served in the dining room, and the evening session was devoted to cleaning up the unfinished business and Rev. Mr. Braisted gave his annual report, in which he expressed great satisfaction over the progress the church had made during the year and suggested plans for the work of the new year.

The annual roll-call and supper of the Hedding Methodist church was held in the afternoon and evening at the church. A short service of song and prayer formed a part of the afternoon program, which began at 5 o'clock. Rev. E. O. Thayer took charge of the services and read the roll-call. Seventy-five members responded to the call at this time. During the early part of the evening, tables were set in the vestry of the church for the supper. The room had been attractively decorated with crepe paper and other trimming material, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Andrews. In the center of the vestry

was placed a large placard, on which were inscribed the words, "Happy New Year." Nearly 200 persons sat down to the well-prepared feast. The success of this latter feature was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. S. H. Barnes, who had the supper in charge. Following is a list of the ladies having charge of the tables: Mrs. Clarence Dodge, Mrs. John McMin, Mrs. B. W. Hooker, Mrs. Leon Dodge, Mrs. Eugene Lyon, Mrs. William Oliver, Jr., Mrs. E. A. Bugbee, Mrs. Henry Westcott, Mrs. O. H. Silver.

According to the reports of the officers and committees of the Congregational church, made at the annual meeting of that society in the church yesterday, the year 1916 has been one of progress and prosperity, and the outlook for the year ahead is very promising of good to be accomplished. The business meeting, which is a part of the church's annual reunion, opened at 10 o'clock, with the election of Wm. Marr as moderator and C. S. Wallace as clerk. Reports were made by the business committee, the collector, treasurer, auditors, church committee, Sunday school superintendent and officers of the other church societies. The report of the pastor, Dr. J. W. Barnett, for the nine months he has been over the church, showed that he had made over 400 calls in that time and officiated at 25 funerals, in addition to all his other duties. Total reports of the members of Sunday school H. G. Woodruff showed an average attendance in the Sunday school of 242, and the report of the secretary of the Christian Endeavor society showed an increase in the membership from 18 to 30. The report of the ladies' aid showed earnings of \$876.45 for the year, and the other reports were equally cheering.

The officers elected were: Business committee, L. R. Hutchinson for three years to succeed F. E. Langley, whose term expired, and F. C. Fisher for two years to succeed O. D. Mathewson, resigned; treasurer, Frank McWhorter; superintendent of Sunday school, H. G. Woodruff; deacon for six years, Charles M. Howe, to succeed himself; collector, J. C. Griggs; assistant collector, G. L. Linekin; auditors, John McDonald, F. E. Langley.

The supper and business meeting of the Universalist church was held in the parish vestry last evening, with a large attendance. Over one hundred persons, who are members or are otherwise affiliated with the church and its societies, sat down to the excellent supper served at six o'clock. This feature of the evening's program was carried out by the ladies of the parish under the direction of Mrs. F. C. Eaton and Miss Carrie Lang. The supper virtually took the form of a get-together-meeting banquet and not until the last course had been served did the work of completing the business of the year begin.

Shortly after seven o'clock the moderator, S. D. Allen, called the session to order. The reports of the various officers were then read and in every case the results of the past year were found to be extremely encouraging. Subscriptions were found to have increased by several hundred dollars over the figures of last year. The parish enters upon another year with its books in a healthy condition financially and numerically and with an outlook never brighter before in its history. The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Moderator, S. D. Allen; clerk, G. L. Bates; trustees, W. G. Reynolds, H. C. Ladd, F. T. Cutler, F. C. Eaton, A. A. Stebbins; auditors, H. W. Whitcomb, Horace Richardson. The trustees were all re-elected with the exception of Dr. F. M. Lynde, who asked to be excused from the duties. A. A. Stebbins was elected to the place. The collector will be appointed by the trustees some time in the near future. The meeting came to a close at 8:30 o'clock.

## BIG VERDICT

By Which George Van Dyke Was Awarded \$34,332.20 FROM GRAND TRUNK R. R.

## VERMONT SUPREME COURT TO-DAY BACKED UP THE SPECIAL COMMISSION—JANUARY TERM OF THE COURT OPENED THIS FORENOON.

The Vermont supreme court convened at Montpelier to-day for the January term, with all the judges present and about twenty-five lawyers in attendance also. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ward R. Clark of Montpelier, after which the docket was read. Notice was given of the continuance of the case of State vs. Josephine Averill, in which the respondent takes exceptions to the trial in Franklin county court, where she was convicted of shooting her husband, Frank C. Averill, to death. Continuance was granted because the exceptions were not ready for the court.

Likewise, a continuance was granted in the case of State vs. Edward Hurlburt, also from Franklin county, in which the respondent was charged with assault with intent to kill. State's Attorney George M. Hogan of Franklin county stated that the exceptions in both cases would probably be ready by the February term of supreme court.

The most important opinion handed down this forenoon was in the celebrated suit of George Van Dyke, the millionaire lumberman, recently killed in an automobile accident, against the Grand Trunk railroad company of Canada, in which the plaintiff sought to recover damages for forest fires caused by giving \$274,000 for the plaintiff against the chief defendant.

In the Orleans county case of John J. Kilby vs. C. L. Erwin, the judgment of the lower court of \$264.20 for the plaintiff was reversed and the cause was remanded.

In the Addison county case of George H. and Jennie M. Churchill vs. Ford and Capen, the decree was reversed, the cause remanded and the bill dismissed, with further order. This is over some land in Goshen; and the supreme court's decision does not prejudice the case.

There are only two Washington county cases for hearing at the present term, as follows: Wheaton et al. vs. Cutler, and Friend Whitcomb vs. Harry W. Whitcomb. In the Orleans county case of State vs. Erwin, charged with rape, exceptions were waived to-day.

The trial calendar contains 31 cases. The first case set for trial is from Orleans county, Arabelle Parker vs. the Boston & Maine railroad company, in which in the lower court the plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$11,000 for injuries received in a wreck on the road of the defendant company near Barre. The plaintiff was a teacher of short-hand in Boston.

No cases are assigned for argument from Addison county. The one Chittenden county case, set for trial the first week, is State vs. Beatrice E. R. Thompson. The Orange county case of Henry Emerson, by next friend, vs. the Corry-Deavitt-Frost Electric company, in which the plaintiff in the lower court was awarded a verdict of \$8,000 for injuries caused by an explosion of dynamite while he was at work for the defendant company, is set for the first week.

## NEARLY TWO YEARS FOR DEPOT SHOOTER

Pascal Provenchia On Christmas Night Shot the Rutland Station Full of Holes and Hit One Man.

Rutland, Jan. 3.—Pascal Provenchia, who on Christmas night fired five shots into the ceiling of the waiting room at the depot here when the room was full of people and a glancing bullet struck Patrick Barrett of Rutland, was to-day sentenced by Judge Swinerton to serve not less than 20 months or more than 4 years in the house of correction.

## MASON T. PAGE DEAD

Was Well-Known Resident of Barre for 29 Years.

Mason T. Page, a well-known resident of Barre for 29 years, died at 10 o'clock last night at his home on Elm street after a short illness of pneumonia. He was taken sick last Thursday morning. Mason Tyler Page was born in Plainfield February 12, 1841, son of Ira F. and Eunice Bancroft Page. He was married in Plainfield January 30, 1873, to Clara Davis. For five years after his marriage he was in partnership with his father in a general store in Plainfield and in 1881 he came to Barre to reside. His work in Barre had been mostly as a clerk and bookkeeper, and previous to his last illness he had been bookkeeper in the office of Whitcomb Bros.' machine shop for some time. He is survived by a widow, one son, Charles A. Page of Alton, Mass., and one daughter, Mrs. William Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, Col.; also two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Madeline Page, who lived with him, a brother, Daniel Page, and a sister, Miss Emma Page of Plainfield. He was a member of the Universalist church and an officer of the society for many years. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

## BANK OFFICER RESIGNS

C. J. Lease Finishes Service